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## Reintegration of Ex-Offenders – Adult Program

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

**GRANTEE:** Word of Hope Ministries, Inc. (WOHM)

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$304,116

**PEOPLE AND PLACES TO BE SERVED:** 200 non-violent ex-offenders returning to Milwaukee County

**MATCHING RESOURCES:** N/A

**PARTNERS:** Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (WIB); Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; UMOS, Inc.; YWCA of Greater Milwaukee; Department of Veterans Affairs' Great Lakes Health Care System; Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's Local Veterans Employment Representative; Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's Disabled Veterans Outreach Program; Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health Division; Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Division; Milwaukee Area Technical College; Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.; HeartLove Place Ministries, Inc.; The New Horizon Center, Inc.; WRTP/BIGSTEP; Milwaukee Community Service Corporation; C. Ross Educational Center; Quad/Graphics; Maynard Steel Casting Company.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Word of Hope Ministries is embedding the PRI project in a Milwaukee County Board initiative to address severe unemployment in Milwaukee. The Board-appointed Task Force on Work Reform for Men (TFWRM) will use Food Share Employment and Training (FSET) funds to provide employment for individuals in the seven supervisory districts with the County's highest unemployment rates. WOHM will serve as the primary provider of services for ex-offenders, using both PRI and FSET funding. WOHM will work with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to provide pre-release planning and services within institutions to facilitate a smooth transition to the community. WOHM will provide work-readiness training, job development/placement, educational and vocational training, and mentoring services. WOHM will coordinate with the WIB to administer vouchers to train participants for work in high-growth, high-demand industries. Participants will be referred to an array of community partners to provide wraparound services including housing, substance abuse and mental health treatment, medical care, transportation, child care, job training and education/academic skills development.



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